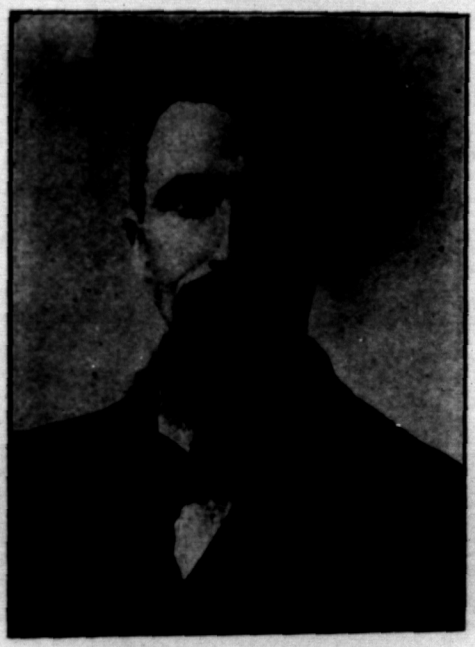

REV. W. K. RED, Deceased.

MINUTES

....OF THE....

Thirteenth Annual Session

of the

LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

at

POPLARVILLE, MISS.,

October 29 to 31, 1907.

OFFICERS:

Moderrtor----I. P. TROTTER----Hattiesburg, Miss.
Clerk--------A. L. O'BRIANT----Hattiesburg, Miss.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

I. P. TROTTER, Chairman
E. W. SPENCER L. G. GATES
E. M. LAIRD F. F. PHILLIPS

The next meeting will be with Emanuel Baptist Church on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1908.

Ordained Ministers

L. G. Gates ..... Laurel, Miss.
J. P. Culpepper ..... Poplarville, Miss.
R. W. Brooks ..... Hattiesburg, Miss.
L. E. Hall ..... Hattiesburg, Miss.
E. M. Laird ..... Laurel, Miss.
R. J. O'Bryant ..... Sumrall, Miss.
I. P. Trotter ..... Hattiesburg, Miss.
D. C. Rawls ..... Hattiesburg, Miss.
E. W. Spencer ..... Wiggins, Miss.
A. P. Pugh ..... Ellisville, Miss.
W. W. Mitchell ..... Poplarville, Miss.
J. B. Flanagan ..... Bogalusa, La.
T. E. H. Robinson ..... New Augusta, Miss.
R. M. Perry ..... Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. E. Curry ..... Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. N. McMillin ..... Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. W. Day ..... Inda, Miss.
H. R. Holcomb ..... Laurel, Miss.
M. G. Turner ..... Ellisville, "
M. J. Parker ..... " "
R. W. Langham ..... Hattiesburg, "
M. W. Bostic ..... Sandersville, "
Tyra Cooley ..... Heidelberg, "
M. L. Scarborough ..... Vossburg, "
H. C. Mayfield ..... Clinton, "
J. V. Parker ..... So So, "
R. M. Davis ..... Perkinston, "

LICENSED MINISTERS

E. Gaines Hightower ..... Louisville, Ky.
E. B. Robbins ..... Laurel, Miss.
R. L. Edwards ..... " "
Eugene Martin ..... " "
J. R. McCardle ..... Hattiesburg "
M. G. Turner ..... Ellisville, "

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

Mrs. Joe Flurry	Red Creek Union
Lora Davis	Wiggins Church
Rev. W. K. Red	Columbia Street Church, Hattiesburg
Mrs. A. V. Hayes	" " " "
Edgar Arledge	" " " "
Rev. T. J. Rhodes	Laurel Main Street Church
Sister Iona Rhodes	" " " "
" Virginia Wooten	" " " "
Sid Hewes	" " " "
Mrs. Bertha Sims	" " " "
Miss Eugena Brittan	" " " "
A. M. Clark	Hattiesburg First "
Sister Lucy Duncan	" " "
Sister Lucinda Morgan	Heidelberg, Miss.
Sister S. L. Mitchell	Poplarville, Miss.
Prof. A. J. Maxey	Poplarville, Miss.
Dr. J. M. Thornhill	Poplarville, Miss.
H. R. Dobson	Poplarville, Miss.
A. L. Hosey	Poplarville, Miss.
Sister A. M. Williams	Vernon Church
J. W. Campbell	" "
Sister Celia Cowley	Laurel First Church
Sister Susan Risher	" " "
Sister Fannie Johnson	" " "
J. P. Myer	Big Level Church
Sister A. H. Miller	Ellisville "
Jessie M. Bush	" "

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and a clerk who shall also bo ex-officio Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 3. The object of this association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 4. Members of the association shall be composed of messengers who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats.

Art. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part there of, provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

Art. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

Art. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

Art. 9. The duties of various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of a deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parlimentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 10. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem herterodox or disorderly.

Art. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God; the Father; the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of originnal sin, of total depravity and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principal of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgement,

and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of his church and that the goverment is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lords Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regular Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and close with prayer or benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches comprising the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which evidence shall be submitted to the clerk.

4 No business shall be discussed by the body

unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

5. No member shall be allowed to speak but once on the same subject, except by permission.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother," when addressing or speaking of each other; and any one failing to observe this rule subjects himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

Proceedings

The Lebanon Association met with the Poplarville Church in its 13th annual session, and was called to order by Bro. Trotter. Devotional meeting was conducted by Bro. H. R. Holcomb. After songs and prayer the following churches responded:

Big Level. C. C. Breland, B. V. Hickman.

New Augusta. J. C. McDonald, Mrs. F. F. Myers.

Poplarville. J. H. Caver, H. J. Stewart, W. T. Scott, W. W. Mitchell, M. W. McCoy, H. K. Rouse, C. H. Bullock, C. H. Webb, Rev. J. P. Culpepper.

Wingate. G. T. Dennis, L. A. Albritton.

Eastabuchie. B. A. Shart, C. C. Thatch, J. B. Webb.

Wiggins. Bro. F. L. Bushy, O. H. McLendon, J. A. Bush.

Columbia Street. T. S. Cotten, A. S. Wells, J. W. Montague, Rev. J. N. McMillan, N. L. Phillip, Mrs. R. F. Barton, Mrs. M. A. Parker, Mrs. C. J. Beard.

Brooklyn. R. L. Smith, O. H. Thompson.

Ellisville. Rev. A. P. Pugh, T. J. Hardy, Mrs. J. M. Alford.

Epps. Rev. J. E. Curry.

Sandersville. M. W. Bostic, H. H. Mitchel.

Purvis. Jacob Purvis, C. E. Purvis.

Heidleburg. B. S. Lyon, H. M. Satcher.

Indian Springs. C. H. Young, Alvin James.

Shady Grove. Rev. M. L. Scarbrough, W. Barnes, M. P. Ellis, Walter Bounds.

Zion Hill. W. J. Park, J. L. Davis, C. D.

Garner.

So So.

Lumberton. Mrs H E Risher, J R Nason

Fairfield M T Odom

Laurel 1st church E D Hurst, K C Hall, Joseph Davis, L G Gates Mrs Ross Mrs B F Thorpe

Perkinston D A Breland D W Price

Sumrall Bro R J O'Briant, Mrs R J O'Briant

Laurel 2nd Church Bro H R Holcomb, Mrs Thomas Gardner, Rev E M Laird, M C Martin

Red Creek Union J L Flurry, Mrs J L Flurry

Hattiesburg 1st Church W M Conner, A Polk, I P Trotter, Mrs Trotter, J H Montague, D C Rawls Mrs Laster, Mrs R B Stapleton

Vernon Church J W Courtney, J W Massey

Corinth Dan McCurdy, Jesse Robinson

The association then went into the election of officers, which resulted in the reelection of Bro Trotter as Moderator, and A L O'Briant as clerk

The association asked Bro McMillin to preach the sermon, the appointee being absent

Petionary letters were called for; when Immanuel Baptist church was received by giving the hand of fellowship to Rev R W Langham, W I Thames, A L O'Briant and V H Bailey

VISITORS

The following visitors were received: Bro A G Brown, Pearl Leaf Association, J L Finley, Gulf Coast Association, L D Posey, Lawerance County Association N F Clark, Hobolochitto Association, J E Byrd, S S Secretary, A V Rowe, State Mission Secretary and Bro J D Jamison, of Okalama

Bro Trotter spoke on the Bible Institute to be held

in Hattiesburg in Jan 1908, and urged all the church to see to it that their pastor attend this Bible school

The association then adjourned till 2 o'clock

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association called to order by the Moderator Bro J L Finley conducted the devotional meeting

Prayer by R J O'Briant and W J Pack

Reports were then called for The Treasurer rsport was read by Bro Trotter and adopted

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

January 11, 1907: Received of widow of Rev, W. K. Red $32 33

Received for delegate to Southern Baptist Convention:

Brooklyn	2 00
Lumberton	2 50
Poplarville	2 50
Ellisville	3 00
Sandersville	1 00
Eastabuchie	1 00
Indian Springs	70
Wingate	1 25
Big Level	2 10
Sardis	1 00
New Augusta	1 00
Laurel, 1st church	4 00
Fairfield	1 00
Purvis	3 00
Heidelberg	1 00
Perkinston	1 50
Corinth	60

Hattiesburg, 1st church	15 00
Total received	$ 76 48

PAID OUT:

To D. C. Rawls for distributing minutes to churches	3 50
To expenses, stamps, etc. for collecting money	1 00
for delegate to Southern Baptist convention	54 15
Total paid out	58 65
Amount on hand	17 83

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. TROTTER
Chairman Executive Board

COMMITTEES:

Education: *A. P. Pugh, A. S. Wells, C. E. Purvis.*

Sunday Schools: *R. J. O'Bryant, J. H. Montague, V. H. Bailey.*

Sustentation: *H. R. Holcomb, J. C. McDonald, C. F. Lassiter.*

Woman's Work: *J. N. McMillin, J. L. Flurry, M. C. Martin, C. H. Webb.*

Orphan's Home: *E. M. Laird, A. Polk, D. A. Breland.*

Temperance: *W. I. Thames, Walter Barnes, C. C. Breland.*

Publications: *D. C. Rawls, Davis McCarty, I. S. Cotton.*

Missions: *J. P. Culpepper, J. W. Montague, D. W. Price.*

Finance Committee: *W. J. Pack, N. L. Phillips, Jacob Purvis.*

Nomination: *R. W. Langham, Thomas Gardner, B. B. Hickman.*

Laymen's Movement: *C. H. Webb, H. M. Satchel, M. N. McCoy.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

A. P. Pugn read the report, which was discussed by A. P. Pugh, I. P. Trotter and L. D. Posey, and adopted.

The report is as follows:

Education: This means Christian education, but as to education in general, there was never a time when so much attention is given to this subject as now. Besides the culture of the mind in general knowledge, there are the technical, domestic and industrial education.

Education in the useful arts has made life more charming, beneficial and happy. But education without the influence of Christianity may and often does become the source of much evil and even of infidelity itself. Some of our schools and even so-called Christian schools are nesting places for opposition to the principles of our religion. It was this world-wisdom that the Apostle Paul meant when he said "The world by wisdom knew not God."

It behooves us, therefore, to have our institutions of learning under the control of our denomination organizations. But we are happy to report that the Baptists of Mississippi have many able schools of learning which are being filled to overflowing. The number of ministerial students both at Mississippi

College and the S. B. T. Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is exceedingly encouraging. The opening of the Training School in Louisville, Ky., for the education of young women by missionaries and Sunday school teachers promises to be of unusual interest and importance to our denomination. While there are public schools and other institutions of learning which are not under any denominational control, yet they are doing a great work and should receive the hearty co-operation of all good people.

Respecttully submitted,

A. P. PUGH
A. S. WELLS
C. E. PURVIS

The hour having arrived for the Associational sermon, the choir sang "Nearer My God, to Thee" Then Bro. McMillin preached a very helpful sermon on the text in 1st Timothy, 1:12. Subject, "Cause for Thanksgiving."

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report was read by R. J. O'Briant and discussed by Bro. J. E. Byrd in a plain, practical manner, and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report and recommendations, which we believe, if carried out, will aid the church and add greatly to the cause of Christianity throughout the land.

We are glad to note that Sunday School work in our Association is being developed so rapidly, and has already become a great and mighty factor as an auxilliary to the church, bringing together as it does

the old and the young alike in the study of God's Word, the result is very readily seen. Parents become more interested in their children and feel more forceable their responsibility, while the example set has a great effect on the young mind, and plants the germ for great religious growth therein.

We believe that the pastor should enter into the work with the superintendent, and in their work they should not only teach the bible lesson, but should impress the doctrine of the Baptist Denomination as it is taught in the scriptures in the Sunday School classes, making illustrations from the bible lesson and showing the origin of the true Baptist doctrine. For if doctrine is worth believing it is worth teaching, and if it is worth teaching anywhere the Sunday school affords the most appropriate place—we may well ask then why not in the Sunday school?

The command of the Master, "Go teach," is ringing with new emphasis throughout all Christendom. We are as never before magnifying and exalting the Sunday school service, which has become, while in session, the church engaged in teaching the Master's word, and if we are to teach the whole truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and also perpetuate the principles we believe to be the basis of true religion, let us teach the doctrine of our church to every class in the Sunday school.

We recommend that two brethren be appointed to arrange with Bro. J. E. Byrd, our Sunday school missionary, for some measure by which a Sunday School Institute may be established within the bounds of our Association, that better methods may be de-

veloped as rapidly as pocsible.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. O'BRYANT
J. H. MONTAGUE
V. H. BAILEY

Association adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 7 o'clock. Bro. Trotter presiding. After singing by the choir and scripture reading by Bro. A. P. Pugh, the Layman's Movement was discussed very thoroughly by Bro. T. G. Bilbo, W. M. Conner and W. I. Thames. Then a motion was made to leave the matter with the Executive Board.

A motion was made that 10 o'clock Thursday morning be the special hour for missions, and 7 p. m. the hour for Temperance.

The Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

The Laymen's Movement is somewhat a recent idea in this part of the country. But we are glad to note an awakening along this line among our laymen.

Some previous arrangements having been made to hove an enthusiastic discussion of the subject at this Associotion, the subject was made the special

order for 7 p. m. Wednesday. At this hour the Association was very able and enthasiastically addressed by the following brethren:

Hon. T. G. Bilbo, W. M. Conner and Prof. Thames. These speeches were very gratifying as they show that our laymen are awakening to the fact that they are to have a part in the bring-in of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Your committee feels that this movement should not stop where it now is, but should be encouraged in every way until the dormant forces of our laymen are aroused and organized for service; to this end we recommend that the Association arrange for a meeting or meetings, where most convenient, for the purpose of enlisting and organizing our forces along this line.

Respectfully,

C. H. WEBB

F. N. McCOY.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Moderator called the body to order. Bro. H. R. Holcomb conducted the devotional meeting by reading Psalm 103.

Reports were called for and the report on Woman's work was read by Bro. J. N. McMillin and discussed by McMillin and A. P. Pugh, and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The work our women are doing is ample justification of the wisdom of their organization. A Woman's Missionary Society becomes a school for the study of missions, and a bereau for the dissemination of mission literature. The work thus leads to larger knowledge of the needs of the fields, and

a better appreciation of the responsibility for a world's evangelization. It means not only larger gifts from our women, but larger and more intelligent giving on the part of the whole church.

Beside this, their weekly meetings, where Scripture study is carried on and the devotional life cultivated and developed, are in themselves a great blessing to any church. The churches of today should see to it that every member has something definite to do. These societies meet this demand as to the women.

Then the direct contribution to the work in money and other material things is a very considerable part of our work. Last year the Women's Societies of Mississippi gave more than $18,000 to the work of the denomination. This year the Women's Missionary Union Auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, of which our societies are a part, will undertake to raise $100,000 for Foreign Missions and $75,000 for Home Missions.

We believe that there ought to be a Woman's Missionary Society in every church. Increased knowledge will lead to increased contributions along all lines of our church work, and these societies stand for increased and increasing knowledge concerning the great world field. We gladly commend our sisters for their noble work, and join our prayers with theirs for the extension of the Master's Kingdom throughout the world.

J. N. McMillin
J. L. Flurry
M. C. Martin

The report on missions was read by Bro. Rowe and discussed by Bro. Rowe and adopted.

MISSIONS

The world's evangelization is the paramount issue in every Baptist Association. To make known the Gospel of Christ to a lost world is an object worthy of our best effort As loyal subjects of the King, we can not rest until the sovreignty of this world passes into the hands of Him whose right is to rule.

Foreign Missions.— Southern Baptists sent out in the year ending with the Richmond Convention 21 new missionaries. We now have 500 workers in the field, 203 missionaries and 297 native workers. We have 233 churches and over 450 sub-stations, with only 134 houses of worship. The membership of these churches numbers 13,437 and they contributed last year $2,920, or $2.17 per capita. Southern Baptists gave to support this work $402,811 against $315,248 the year previous. Of this Mississippi gave $25,719, an increase of $5,000 over last year. We had 2,279 baptisms, and in view of the men and money employed the ratio of increase is at least three times greater than on the home field.

Certain auxiliary features helpful to the preaching of the gospel have been introduced, such as publishing houses, medical missionaries and Theological seminaries. We have 11 graduate physicians to whom thousands come for healing. Our Board emphasizes two needs: 1, more men and women; 2, more and better buildings for churches, seminaries, hospitals, and more healthful homes for the missionaries. Of the $750,000 asked by the S. B. Convention, Mississippi is asked for $4.500.

Home Missions.— The Lord has signally blessed the work of Home Missions, making the last

year unprecedented in the affairs of the Board.

There were 865 workers and 19,798 baptisms. The receipts were $201,834, of which Mississippi gave $13,490.61. The amount asked for this year is $500,000, and of this we are asked for $30,000. The Tichenor Memorial Fund has been completed and the Board is expecting to increase further the Loan and Building Fund so as to meet the needs of the 3,000 homeless churches now found in the South.

State Missions.— Here, as in the other departments of mission endeavor, the watch word is enlargement.

Last year there were 123 missionaries, 173 stations, 2,471 baptisms. The Board helped on houses of worship $4,173.25. Six churches became self-supporting. The work of two evangelists was attended with the blessing of God in the conversion of several hundreds. The S. S. Missionary is doing much for the uplift of the cause throughout the State.

We rejoice in these evidencs of favor in which the work of our Board is moving. We call upon our churches to look on this state field as one peculiarly our own, and yet full of promise for the world wide field which will be reached more effectually as we increase our working power at home. We will need $30,000 for state missions and we call on our churches to stand for this great work with enlarged gifts that our Board may supply the destitute places and help the work in our own state.

J. P. Culpepper
J. W. Montague
D. W. Price.

The Report on Publications was read by L. D. Posey and discussed by Bro. Posey, A. P. Pugh, and Jamison, then adopted. Association adjourned by R. W. Langham, to meet at 2 o'clock.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

The mind, like everything else, grows and develops in proportion to the kind and strength of the food upon which it is fed. If it is pure and wholesome; it grows and develops rapidly; if impure or insufficient it is dwarfed or turned into the wrong channel. And since mind is superior to matter, we must first conceive in our minds before we can work out and accomplish our desires over matter. Furthermore, the exercise of any of the faculties calls for food for that particular faculty, and whenever a mind is awakened and trained, that mind begins to look for food upon which to subsist and grow; and since this is an age of education and mind training, it is our duty to furnish the very best of literature for our people, and especially our children, to read.

The Bible is the Christian's first book, and it is taken for granted that our people read the Bible; but it is not true that the Bible is the only book that a Christian should read, because there are many books that if correctly read will help men to understand the Bible; and as a rule, the more a Christian reads his Bible the more of other good literature he will desire to read; and the more of religious books and magazines he reads, the more he will search the Scriptures to see if what he reads in literature be true. Then to accomplish the great end we have in view, we recommend that each family in the Baptist

denomination in this State secure and read The Baptist Record, The Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, the publications of our Sunday School Board, and such other orthordox papers, tracts, magazines, and books as are within their reach.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. RAWLS,
D. McCARTY,
T. S. COTTEN.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Curry of Hattiesburg.

The Report on Sustentation was read by Bro. H. R. Holcomb, and discussed by H. R. Holcomb, A. P. Pugh, J. L. Finley, E. M. Laird and then adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION

As stated in the report of this committee last year, much has been said upon this subject and little has been done. We are sorry to say that even less has been done within the bounds of this Association this year than last. Last year we reported $248.85 this year only $114.57. Of the 23 churches represented here, eleven have reported small amounts, eleven nothing at all. Brethren, we have either failed to lay this important matter upon the hearts of the people in the right way or we have failed to mention it all. We earnestly ask the pastors of this Association to let this subject come before the people early in the year, that it may receive due consideration. There are now fifteen aged and disabled men

of God receiving some help from this fund, three others have made application and doubtless many others could be profitably helped, and especially during the next two or three months. Let us resolve that our churches shall have opportunity to do and to do more.

H. R. HOLCOMB, Chairman.

The Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. C. H. Webb and discussed by Bro. Webb. I. P. Trotter, E. M. Laird, and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage is comparatively a young institution, having been in operation only about ten years. Its beginning was in a rented building in Jackson. But during the ten years of its life it has grown, and today the property consists of a nice farm and commodious brick buildings with all modern conveniences. The Home is owned and maintained by the Baptists of the State for the purpose of caring for destitute orphans. In this work the denomination has wrought well. Under the direction of the superintendent, Bro. J. R. Carter, the Home has been very prosperous, both in the development of the plant, and in the training of the children placed in its care. One splendid brick building has been added during the past year, and the Home is caring for about 135 children at present. This work should appeal to every church in the Association. Your committee recommends that each church make it a matter of study to know what we have in this Home, and what the Home is doing. We would further recommend that our churches see to it that

in addition to our general offering to this work, the children in the Home be remembered at Thanksgiving, and our Sunday school make monthly offerings to the Home.

C. H. WEBB
E. M. LAIRD.

Report on Nominations was read by Bro. R. W. Langham and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following: That the next session of this body be held with the Emanuel Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, beginning on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1908, at 10 o'clock, and that Rev. J. P. Culpepper preach the Associational Sermon, H. R. Holcomb, alternate. We recommend as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. A. L. O'Bryant, A. P. Pugh, alternate. As delegates to the State Convention, J. N. McMillin, W. I. Thames, R. N. Davis, R. J. O'Bryant, J. F. Phillips. Executive Committee, I. P. Trotter, E. W. Spencer, L. G. Gates, E. M. Laird.

R. W. LANGHAM
T. S. GARDENER
B. V. HICKMAN

Report on Obituaries was read by Bro. J. P. Culpepper and the Association asked that a cut of our beloved Brother W. K. Red be placed in the minutes. The report was spoken to by Bro. Culpepper, J. L. Finley, W I Thames, A P Pugh; then a free wiil offering of $24.15 for Sister Red, and the report was adopted

A motion was made that 700 copies of minutes be printed, and the clerk be allowed $25.00 for his services.

After singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" the Association adjourned to meet at 7 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

The Association met at 7 p. m. Bro. Jamison of Okolona conducted the devotional meeting. The Report on Finance was read by Bro. N. L. Phillips.

REPORT ON FINANCE

State Missions	$ 12 60
Home Missions	131 90
Associational purposes	61 05
Foreign Missions	12 50
Ministerial Education	5 25
Orphanage	14 50
Total	$ 237 70

A resolution of thanks was read by R. J. O'Bryant.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved, That we, the messengers of the Lebanon Association, tender our heartfelt thanks to Bro. Culpepper and all of the brethren and sisters and the people of the community, for their kind hospitality toward us during our stay with them, and that we pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. O'BRYANT.

Report on Temperance was read by Bro. W. I. Thames, and after discussion by W. I. Thames, J. D. Jamison, J. L. Finley, T. G. Bilbo, and L. D. Posey, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your Committee on Temperance report that Christian people have much to encourage them in the progress being made against the nefarious liquor traffic. Not only is this true in onr own beloved State, but there seems to be a tidal wave sweeping our old beloved Southland which portends the ultimate dethronement of King Alcohol. We note with special pleasure the recent success of the temperance forces in Georgia, and confidently expect Mississippi to follow in the wake of our sister State during the year 1908. We earnestly urge our members to do all in their aower to encourage members of the legislature from the various counties to do their utmost to secure statutory prohibition during the next meeting of our legislature and the passage of a constitutional amendment embodying prohibition in the organic law of the land.

We especially condemn the so-called "social glass" and believe that the Christian's position should be, "touch not, taste not, handle not" the accursed stuff. We lay the partial failure of local option at the feet of Christian men, believing there is a sufficiency of the "salt of the earth" in every community to uphold the laws of the land. We hold up before the gaze and contempt of all decent men the marshal or other police officer who connives at or secretly aids in the violation of our prohibition laws.

Believing that tobacco is veey hurtful to the user and recognizing the potency of example we condemn its use by ministers of the gospel.

W. I. Thames
Walter Barnes
C. C. Breland

A motion was made thai the Laymen's movement be left to the Executive Board of the Association.

A motion was made that Mrs. Jarvis of Laurel act as vice-president; it was also moved that $10 be appropriated to pay the expense of the vice-president.

The Moderator read a report on chariman of committee for 1908.

Chairman of Committees for 1908.

Education---J. N. McMillin.
Sunday Schools---F. F. Phillips.
Sustentation---W. I. Thames.
Woman's Work---A. P. Pugh.
Orphan's Home---E. W. Spencer.
Temperance---W. M. Conner.
Publications---L. G. Gates.
Missions---H. R. Hoicomb.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Immanuel Baptist church, 1908.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

Churches	Clerks	Postoffice	Pastors	Postoffice	Additions			Lost			Total Membership	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home
					By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Big Level	J E Breland	Wisdom	J W Day	Perkinston	4				6	1	71	$ 600	
Bond													
Brooklyn	J C Martin	Brooklyn	J W Day	Ten Mile	2	5							
New Augusta	J C McDonald	New Augusta	D C Rawles	Hatttesburg	9	17		2			62	800	
Corinth	Ira Morgan	Heidleburg	J T Halford	Montrose	6	3		10			46	1 200	
Columbia St	N L Phillips	Hattiesburg	J N McMillion	Hattiesburg	55	102		18		1	72	600	
Eastabutchie	M F Carraway	Eastabutchie	A P Pugh	Ellisville		4		6		3	357	3 500	$ 2 500
Ellisville	J B Gough	Ellisville	A P Pugh		9	10		8		3		2 000	
Epps			J E Curry	Epps	5	8					250	2 500	3 000
Fairfield	J C Watkins	Sandford	A A Bryant	Hattiesburg							59		
Hattiesburg	E N Pack	Hattiesburg	I P Trotter		45	81	2	101	3	2	693	40 000	10 000
Heidleburg	H M Satcher	Heidleburg	R A Venable	Meridian	1	3		1			40	800	
Indian Springs	F T Barnett	Petal	Henry Shirley	Petal	3	5		6	3		69	500	
Laurel, 1st ch	W J Hurst	Laurel	L G Gates	Laurel	6	36		20	3		447	6 000	3 250
Lumberton	I B Salmond	Lumberton	R L Sproles	Lumberton	12	24	1	10			114	2 500	1 500
Laurel, 2nd ch	M C Marti n	Laurel	H R Holcomb	Laurel	162	112	2	7		5	504	3 500	600
Perkinston	R M Breland	India	R. M. Davis	Perkinston	1			8	3		51	800	
Purvis	Thos M Purvis	Purvis	A L O'Bryant	Hattiesburg	20	4		4			196	3 500	
Poplarville	H J Arledge	Poplarville	J P Culpepper	Poplarville	4	21		28	80	3	249	4 000	2 500
Sandersville	A McDaniel	Sandersville	A P Pugh	Ellsville	2	4					90	1 200	
Shady Grove	J A Lyon	Heidleburg	C G Elliott	Meridian	4	1				2	85	1 000	
So So	L L Duxworth	So So	L D Bassett	Lonin	17	8	1				70	700	
Vernon	J W Massey	Vernon	L D Bassett					3			24	300	
Sumrall	B M Myurs	Sumrall	R J O'Bryant	Sumrall	18	37		2		1	102	2 000	
Wiggins	A W Boud	Wiggins	E W Spencer	Wiggins	1	11		33	46	1	150	2 000	
Wingate	G F Dennis	Wingate	H F Shirley	Petel	4	2	1	3			21	800	
Zion Hill	C W Barnes	Hattiesburg	L E Hall	Hattiesburg	1	4		3			48	100	
Red Creek Union	E E Flurry	Vestry	Jeff Lott	McHenry	18	9	1	1			84	700	
Immanuel	J J Furgson	Hattiesburg	A L O'Bryant	Hattiesurg	57	102		1			159	1 000	
Total					454	613	8	274	144	26	4 158	$836 000	$ 24 350

LADIES' MISSION SOCIETIES

Churches	Presidents	Secretaries
Brooklyn		
New Augusta		
Columbia Street	Mrs. R. F. Barton	Mrs. R. L. Lyon
Eastabutchie	Mrs. L. A. Galele	Mrs. H. H. Overstreet
Ellisville	Mrs. May Bradley	Miss Ella Wards
Hattiesburg 1st	Mrs. R. B. Stapleton	Mrs. Eliza Evans
Laurel, 1st		
Lumberton	Mrs. J. E. Hall	Mrs. J. T. McDonald
Laurel, 2nd ch.	Mrs. J. T. Smallwood	Miss Adda Reddock
Purvis	Mrs. Dr. Polk	Mrs. J. M. Broom
Poplarville	Mrs. J. P. Culpepper	Mrs. A. T. Rawles
Sandersville		
Sumrall		
Wiggins	Mrs. Spencer	Mrs. Walton
Zion Hall		
Red Creek Union		
Imma uel	Mrs. A. L. O'Briant	Miss Mittie Ariedge

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Churches	Superintendent	Secretaries	Postoffice	Pupils	Teachers	Baptized	Expenses
Brooklyn	C. W. Fillingame	Dala Simmons	Brooklyn	60	60		
New Augusta	R. E. Guuedge	J. C. McDonald	New Augusta	43	4		
Columbia Street	J. C. Ballard	J. W. Montague	Hattiesurg	200	13	38	$128
Eastabutchie	B. A. Short	W. H. Risher	Eastabutchie	45	4		
Ellisville	W. J. Pack	J. Robinson	Ellisville	84	9		42 50
Hattiesburg 1st	W. W. Connor	Everett Tucker	Hattiesburg	225	15		
Laurel, 1st	T. E. Waldrup	L. J. Williams	Laurel	174	13	5	
Lumberton	J. B. Salmond	Nannie Smith	Lumberton	125	7		
Laurel, 2nd ch.	W. O. Hedgepath	Carrie Denham	Laurel	445	12		
Purvis	Dr. L. L. Polk	Jacob Purvis	Purvis	100	6	7	
Poplarville	N. W. McCoy	Mrs. A. T. Rawles	Poplarville	150	9		
Sandersville	E. L. Saffer	A. McDaniel	Sandersville	60	3		
Sumrall	B. M. Meyers	A. F. Schartz	Sumrall	65	3		
Wiggins	L. L. Davis		Wiggins	95	7		
Zion Hall	W. J. Pack	Sadie Gay	Hattiessurg	22	5		
Red Creek Union	W. S. Entzminger	W. P. Flurry	Daisey	56	4		
Imma uel	I. M. Nash	Everett Burkett	Hattiesburg	100	10	20	

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

Churches	Clerks	Postoffice	Additions			Lost		

LEBANON ASSOCIATION.

DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK and TREASURER	PREACHER	Members	Total Contributions
Nov. 1894	Hattiesburg	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	J. A. Hackett	1 131	$
Sept. 1895	Poplarville	"	"	C. G. Elliott	1 183	5 875 15
Sept. 1896	Ellisville	"	"	W. B. Holcomb	1 556	3 112 78
Dec. 1897	Purvis	"	"	L. E. Hall	1 421	5 360 16
Sept. 1898	Shady Grove	"	"	O. D. Bowen	1 624	6 345 89
Sept. 1899	Eastabutchie	"	"	J. R. Farish	1 746	7 085 75
Aug. 1900	Hattiesburg	"	"	W. P. Roper	1 841	10689 95
Aug. 1901	Lumberton	"	"	J. N. McMillin	1 909	18473 82
Sept. 1902	Laurel	"	"	J. T. Dale	2 575	28853 31
Sept. 1903	McHenry	"	B. C. Cox	I. P. Trotter	2 761	17112 90
Nov. 1904	Ellisville	"	W. K. Red	J. P. Culpepper	3 241	28870 32
Nov. 1905	Hattiesburg		"	L. G. Gates	3 507	22237 17
	Columbia St	J. P. Trotter	"			
Nov. 1906	Wiggins	"	"	A. P. Pugh	3 803	31407 60
Nov. 1907	Poplarville	"	A. L. O'Briant	J. N. McMillan	4 150	33921 86

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2.

Churches	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Visiting Ministers	Sustenation	Orphanage	Church Expenses	Sunday School Expenses	Relief of Poor	Associational Purposes	Building and Repairing	Mississippi College	Miscellaneous	Total
Big Level	$ 100	$ 10	16	$4		2735	563	562				335	18150			$35010
Bond																9580
Brooklyn	68					2725										271
New Augusta	120	101				50				1350		2				163
Corinth	100		8	8		42						2	365		$2 00	620340
Columbia St	1800	212	17672	500		300	250	20	196	128		5	2325		92 68	47825
Eastabutchie	200	2230	3146	1835	750	3410		1730	1565	40	20		120		91 40	238775
Ellisville	600	80	4225	5990	10	117	3125	13760	6350	4250		5	677	50	217 85	92
Epps	58	6				28						1				13475
Fairfield	100	410		50		9	575	330		10		2			2 50	634532
Hattiesburg	2000	47490	13315	120280	10676	200	1394	30748	93740		4550	5	579	20	65 50	29395
Heidleburg	227	525	525	525	525		2525	525	1170	5		2			19 00	90
Indian Springs	60		250	250		25						2				557828
Laurel, 1st ch	1500	20720	4444	23933	210	1560	2450	2415	8555	1908	9162	750	658		1 150 00	143917
Lumberton	900	30	7176	150		25		20	78	35		3			129 50	339661
Laurel, 2nd ch	900	103		174	12	2585	312	12	263	16179	41	10	1014		335 97	51
Perkinston	35	259				750		6				225				92925
Purvis	500	56	50	50		140		20	36	1632		450	1723			362890
Poplarville	1200	100	45			100		2048	17642			500	1885			
Sardis																
Sandersville	200	1485	10	15		36		25	26	10		2			7 50	34505
Shady Grove	200	7	192	3350		30		840				3				11250
So So	75			10		20				750		2				1180
Vernon	100														11 80	1101
Sumrall	400	5095	2316	10		24250		275	275	35		2	240		70 00	148063
Wiggins	520	3455	8655			65	450	6725	6725			3	418		96 32	130
Wingate	75	5000				5										208
Zion Hill	127	40		10				12	12			295				27919
Red Creek Union	161		15			7725	51			2119	450	3				51550
Immanuel	500	75	10			150	7			20		5	210			
Total	$12 826	$148860	$119029	253585	35052	206633	11262	93191	253817	724488	16362	90	8306	70	2 241 79	$3592186

Bond and Sardis not represented.

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